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STOCKS, JAN 1. 30.1 32.6

PRODUCTION 1,511.0 1,392.6 1,400.0

IMPORTS 17.0 45.2 70.0

TOTAL SUPPLY 1,558.1 1,470.4 1,491.3

EXPORTS 97.1 115.5 120.0

DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE 1,428.4 1,333.6 1,346.3

STOCKS, DEC. 31 32.6 21.3 25.0 PERCAPITA (1LBS) 66.1 61.0 60.9

POULTRY- NO CHANGE (REFTEL (B).

A) ESTIMATE OF CATTLE NUMBERS ON FARMS

-----THOUSANDS-----

 JUNE 1
 13,271
 13,657
 14,200

 DEC. 1
 12,267
 112,726
 13,100

B) SLAUGHTER

CATTLE AND CALVES 4,063 4,037 4,500

C) SUPPLY - THOUSAND 1LBS. CARCASS WEIGHT EQU.-

STOCKS, JAN. 1 53,435 44,109 55,251

PRODUCTION TOTAL 1,929,096 1,978,853 1,977,000

BEEF 1,836,602 1,898,328 1,920,000

VEAL 92,494 80,525 57,000

IMPORTS TOTAL 170,021 213,522 215,000

BONE-IN 14,162 -27,431 35,000

BONELESS 1/-FRESH N/A 15,375 20,000

-FROZEN 122,345 129,525 120,000

OTHER 33,515 41,191 40,000

TOTAL SUPPLY 2,152,552 2,236,484 2,247,251

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EXPORTS-TOTAL 113,011 91,969 87,500
BEEF-BONE-IN 17,400 6,772 10,000
BONELESS 1/ 80,633 66,320 60,000
CURED 5,195 8,343 10,000

VEAL 6,710 5,802 2,500 N.E.S. 3,073 4,732 5,000 DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE 1,995,432 2,089,264 2,159,751

STOCKS, DEC. 31 44,109 55,251 55,000

PER CAPITA (1LBS) 92.4 95.6 97.7

4. PRICE FORECAST

A) WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES- TORONTO

CANADA AL BEEF STEER CARCASSES AND SIDES

1971 1972 1973 -- CANADIAN CENTS/POUND--

JANUARY	59.1	66.0	71.4
FEBRUARY	60.0	65.6	73.0
MARCH	60.3	65.9	74.7
APRIL	60.9	65.6	76.2
MAY	61.0	65.8	77.1
JUNE	60.9	66.0	80.1
JULY	59.9	65.7	81.1
AUGUST	60.1	64.0	95.0
SEPTEMBER	59.0	62.6	5 2/ 90.0
OCTOBER	69.1	61.3	
NOVEMBER	62.9	64.2	2
DECEMBER	64.5	66.9)
AVERAGE	60.8	65.0	83.0

B) IMPORTED BONELESS BEEF

AVAILABLE FROM THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PRODUCTS DIVISION/FAS/W

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5. QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES (1,000 LBS. PRODUCT WEIGHT).

QUARTER	1971	1972	1973
1ST	20,743	11,892	10,532
2ND	21,953	18,495	12,487
3RD	18,687	15,297	16,000
4TH	18,964	13,049	13,000
TOTAL	80,353	58,685	52,000

COMMENT: EFFECTIVE 12:01 AUGUST 14, 1973 EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE AND HOGS AND FRESH, CHILLED AND FROZEN BEEF AND PORK HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER EXPORT CONTROLS. EXPORT PERMITS WILL

BE CONSIDERED CATEGORY BY CATEGORY BASED ON TRADITIONAL TRADE AND QUANTITY SHIPPED DURING THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 1972, (RETELS (C), (D), (E).

EXPANSION OF CANADIAN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS MAY SLOW DOWN DUE TO ANTICIPATED HIGH GRAIN PRICES. THE CURRENT STRIKE OF RAILROAD WORKERS IS LIMITING FEEDER CATTLE MOVEMENT TO EASTERN CANADA.

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